

## **ACCESS AND MONTANA LAW (HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE)**

- 1965 – Permission required to hunt big game on private property;**
- 1985 – Stream Access Law – navigable stream, high-water marks;**
  - **Private land posting requirements (orange paint) defined;**
  - **Block Management Program formally launched by FWP;**
- 1991 – Legally-accessible state school trust lands opened to hunters and anglers who buy use license;**
- 1993 – Recreational access/use of legally-accessible state school trust lands expanded to other users;**
  - **Contentious Legislative session;**
  - **1st Private Land/Public Wildlife Council appointed**
- 1995 – PL/PW Council legislation (HB 195) creates enhanced hunting access program;**
- 1999 – Permission required for ALL hunting on private property;**
- 2003 – Stream Access Law – upheld by Supreme Court;**
- 2005– Block Management Program made permanent**